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Annotations

Item 1. Election of the Bureau

1. Rule 18 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that each year, at the commencement of its first meeting, the Council shall elect a President and four Vice-Presidents from among the representatives of its members. The membership of the Council in 1993 is given in the annex below. According to the rotation of the office of President among the regional groups, the President for 1993 should be the representative of a Latin American and Caribbean State. The four Vice-Presidents of the Council shall be elected on the basis of equitable geographical distribution from the other four regional groups.

2. The President and the Vice-Presidents shall constitute the Bureau. The Council, upon the recommendation of the President, shall decide on the special responsibilities of each Vice-President.

3. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77, a meeting of the Council will be convened on 15 January 1993 for the election of the Bureau.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

4. Rule 13 of the rules of procedure of the Council provides that, at the beginning of each session, after the selection of the Bureau when required under rule 18, the Council shall adopt the agenda for the session. The present provisional agenda has been prepared in conformity with the relevant legislative decisions.

5. In addition to adopting the agenda, the Council may wish to consider under this item the questions set out below.

Regional cooperation

6. The Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia held its sixteenth session in Amman from 30 August to 3 September 1992. Since that session was held after the Council's substantive session of 1992, the Council may wish to consider the draft resolutions requiring action by the Council and matters brought to its attention by the Commission.

World Health Assembly resolution 45.20, entitled "Multisectoral collaboration on WHO's programme on tobacco or health"

7. In a note verbale dated 29 June 1992, the Director-General of the World Health Organization transmitted to the Secretary-General a copy of World Health Assembly resolution 45.20, in which the World Health Assembly requested the Council to include the subject of "tobacco or health" in the agenda of its substantive session of 1993. The Council may wish to consider that request.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on Regional Cooperation (E/1992/65/Add.1)

Note verbale dated 29 June 1992 from the Director-General of the World Health Organization to the Secretary-General (E/1993/8)

Item 3. Basic programme of work of the Council

8. In accordance with rule 8 of the rules of procedure of the Council, the Council shall draw up, at its organizational session, with the assistance of the Secretary-General, its basic programme of work.

9. The Council will have before it the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1993 and 1994 prepared by the Secretariat in accordance with the relevant decisions of the Council and of the General Assembly.

10. Pursuant to Council resolution 1988/77 on the revitalization of the Council, the President, prior to the organizational session, and with the cooperation of the other members of the Bureau, will arrange for consultations with members of the Council on the draft programme of work and provisional agenda prepared by the Secretary-General and on the allocation of agenda items and make proposals thereon for consideration by the Council.

11. The Council's attention is also drawn to General Assembly resolution 46/191 B, in which the Assembly called upon the Council, at its substantive session of 1993, to review and, where appropriate, strengthen the applicable sections of the relationship agreements between the United Nations and member organizations of the United Nations common system, in particular article VIII of the Agreement between the United Nations and the International Telecommunication Union, in order to enhance comparability and future adherence to the goals and objectives of the common system. The attention of the Council is also drawn to the letter dated 11 December 1992 from the Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit to the Secretary-General concerning this matter.

Documentation

Proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1993 and 1994 (E/1993/1 and Add.1)

Proposals by the Bureau of the Council on the proposed basic programme of work of the Council for 1993 and 1994

Letter dated 11 December 1992 from the Vice-Chairperson of the Joint Inspection Unit to the Secretary-General (E/1993/7)

Item 4. International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process

12. In its resolution 47/176, the General Assembly requested the Council, at its organizational session for 1993, to formulate and adopt modalities to ensure the participation in and contribution to the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process of relevant non-governmental organizations, in particular those from developing countries, taking into account the procedures followed in the process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and the experience gained in this matter in previous United Nations population conferences.

13. In the same resolution the Assembly invited the Council, at its organizational session for 1993, taking fully into consideration the views expressed during the forty-seventh session of the General Assembly, to

consider the possibility of adjusting the proposed timing and duration of the second and third sessions of the Preparatory Committee for the Conference within existing budgetary resources and without prejudice to the utilization of resources available through voluntary contributions to the trust funds, taking fully into account the need to ensure the success of the Conference in fulfilling its mandate and for this purpose to ensure an adequate intergovernmental preparatory process for it.

14. The Council may wish to consider how to respond to these requests.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the International Conference on Population and Development and its preparatory process.

Item 5. Institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

15. In its resolution 47/191, the General Assembly requested the Council, at its organizational session for 1993, to set up a high-level Commission on Sustainable Development as a functional commission of the Council in accordance with Article 68 of the Charter of the United Nations in order to ensure the effective follow-up of the Conference.

16. The Assembly requested the Secretary-General to submit, for the consideration of the Council at its organizational session for 1993, his proposals on the rules of procedure of the Commission, including those related to the participation of relevant intergovernmental and non-governmental organizations, as recommended by the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development.

17. In the same resolution, the Assembly decided that the agenda of the organizational session of the Commission would be decided on by the Council at its organizational session for 1993.

18. The Assembly also requested the Secretary-General to submit appropriate proposals to the Council, at its organizational session for 1993, regarding the functions of the High-level Advisory Board and of the Committee for Development Planning, including the possibility of organizing expert rosters.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on institutional arrangements to follow up the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

Item 6. Elections and appointments to subsidiary bodies of the Council and confirmation of representatives on the functional commissions

Elections

19. The Council will be called upon to hold elections, postponed from previous sessions, to the following bodies:

Commission on Human Settlements

(a) From African States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996;

(b) From Eastern European States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1996.

Commission on Transnational Corporations

(a) From Asian States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995;

(b) From Western European and other States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

Intergovernmental Working Group of Experts on International Standards of Accounting and Reporting

From Asian States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1993.

Commission on Science and Technology for Development*

(a) From African States: eight members for a term beginning on the date of election;

(b) From Asian States: two members for a term beginning on the date of election;

(c) From Eastern European States: one member for a term beginning on the date of election;

(d) From Western European and other States: six members for a term beginning on the date of election.

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* The length of the term will be determined by lot.

Committee on Natural Resources*

(a) From African States: five experts for a term beginning on the date of election;

(b) From Asian States: four experts for a term beginning on the date of election;

(c) From Eastern European States: one expert for a term beginning on the date of election;

(d) From Latin American and Caribbean States: one expert for a term beginning on the date of election.

Nominations

World Food Council

20. The nomination of one member from Asian States was postponed. The Council will therefore be called upon to nominate, for election by the General Assembly at its forty-seventh session, one member from Asian States for a term beginning on the date of election and expiring on 31 December 1995.

Confirmations

21. The Secretary-General will submit for confirmation by the Council the names of persons nominated to serve as representatives on the functional commissions of the Council since the organizational session for 1992.

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* The length of the term will be determined by lot.

Annex

MEMBERS OF THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL IN 1993

	Term expires on 31 December
Angola	1994
Argentina	1993
Australia	1994
Austria	1993
Bahamas	1995
Bangladesh	1994
Belarus	1994
Belgium	1994
Benin	1994
Bhutan	1995
Botswana	1993
Brazil	1994
Canada	1995
Chile	1993
China	1995
Colombia	1994
Cuba	1995
Denmark	1995
Ethiopia	1994
France	1993
Gabon	1995
Germany	1993
Guinea	1993
India	1994
Italy	1994
Japan	1993
Kuwait	1994
Libyan Arab Jamahiriya	1995

	Term expires on 31 December
Madagascar	1994
Malaysia	1993
Mexico	1995
Morocco	1993
Nigeria	1995
Norway	1995
Peru	1993
Philippines	1994
Poland	1994
Republic of Korea	1995
Romania	1995
Russian Federation	1995
Somalia	1993
Spain	1993
Sri Lanka	1995
Suriname	1994
Swaziland	1994
Syrian Arab Republic	1993
Togo	1993
Trinidad and Tobago	1993
Turkey	1993
Ukraine	1995
United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland	1995
United States of America	1994
Yugoslavia	1993
Zaire	1995